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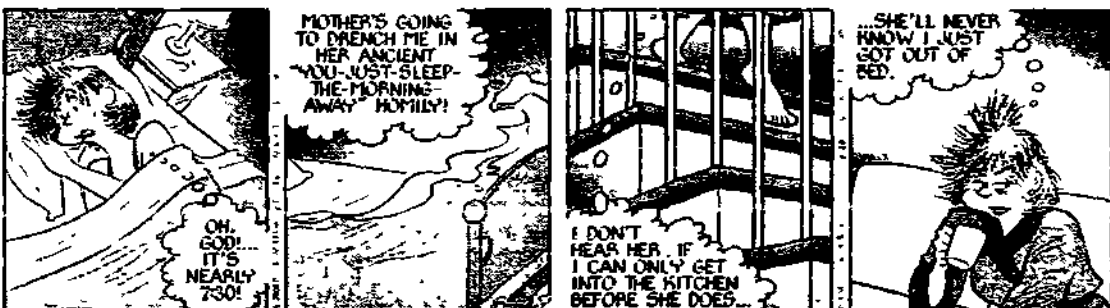
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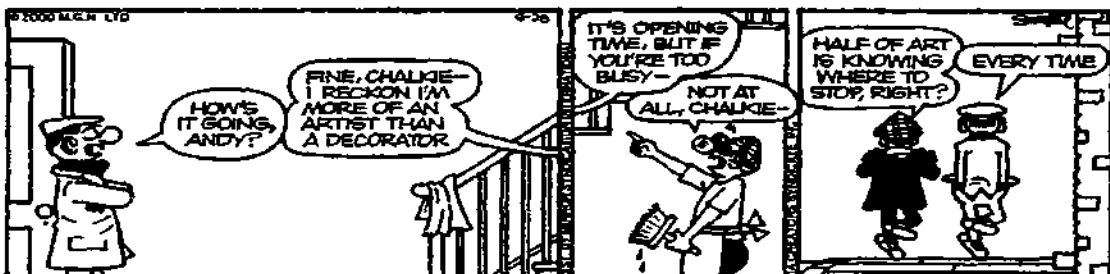
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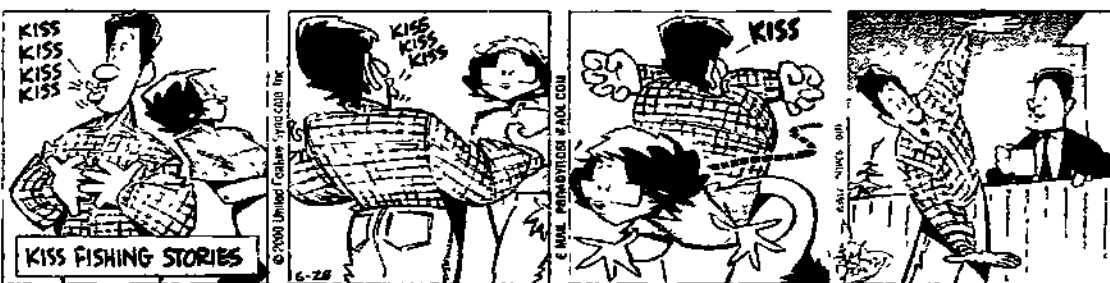
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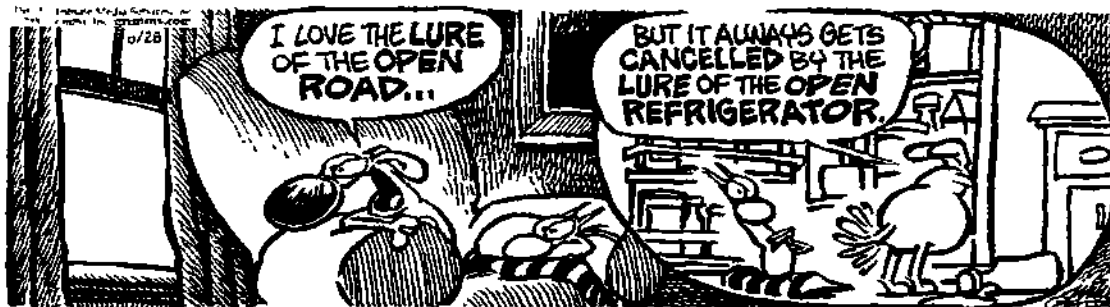
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



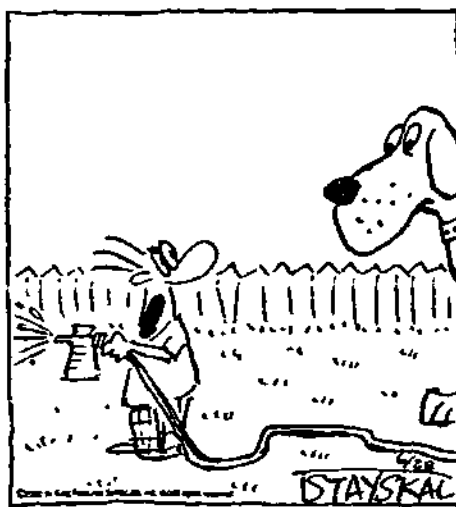
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Comedian-movie director: Mel Brooks is 74. Actor Pat Morita is 68. Rock musician Dave Knights (Procul Harum) is 55. Actor Bruce Davison is 54. Actress Kathy Bates is 52. Actress Alice Krige is 46. Retired football player John Elway is 40. Record company chief executive Tony Mercedes is 38. Actress Jessica Hacht is 35. Actress Mary Stuart Masterson is 34.

I NEED HELP



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G	R	U	G	E	L	S	Double 2
W	R	E	E	T	T	P	Double 3
Y	U	R	R	M	M	C	Double 4

PAR SCORE 70-80 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 30 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 7 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. Ten-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. A Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill Webster 1 and OSV Official Scrabble Words (Chambers) JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 6-28-00 ©2000 Judd's Solution Enterprises, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

PIGEONS

K I E B Y V S Q N K H E B Y W
T R O L P B S I G E B Y S W U
R P E G A M U L P A R K S N K
I G D R S B Z X I V C S Q O M
K I B W S G E C A A Y W U S Q
P S O C E N L R B G T G J H F
E H D R N C A L E Y N N X V S
S U S E G Q L O F T P I A N T
M K V S E I T I C J U M C F N
H O F T R R E C B Z Y O X A U
D V U F T R B Q P O M H P L R

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Yesterday's unused clue: HEAD PLUMAGE

Barns	Fantails	Parks	Racing
Breeds	Fringebills	Passenger	Runts
Cries	Homings	Plumage	Shows
Dove	Loft	Pouter	

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HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, June 29

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's an excellent day for enhancing your business prospects.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your thoughts are consumed by money and how to acquire more of it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The week begins with admirers lining up outside your door.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might find yourself feeling rather overwhelmed.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You are in the spotlight at all social gatherings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Try to stop yourself from daydreaming so much.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It's an excellent time for a long heart-to-heart conversation with a special friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be sure to remember the facts while being swept up in the thrill of the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Someone might be trying to get a rise out of you, but keep your cool.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your day takes an unexpected departure from the routine.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Financial woes you thought were long gone might rear their head again.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Slow down, and go back to square one.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

West led his spade king to dummy's ace, and dummy's trump eight was passed to West's queen. How should West continue? West can count on winning two trump tricks and, most likely, can also win a spade. With the threatening clubs in dummy, should he switch to diamonds as a last hope for the setting trick? If he does, declarer has an easy time. He wins the diamond shift and knocks out West's trump ace. Now, West must cash his spade queen or lose it, and South scores an easy 10 winners. Given South's invitational jump rebid in hearts, can he have anything less than the A-Q of diamonds in side-suit values? Unless South is a wild-eyed overbidder, obviously not. Therefore, after cashing his spade-queen, instead of leading diamonds, West should shift to clubs. Dummy wins the club ace, and another trump goes to West's ace. Slicking to his guns, West leads another club and South is finished. If he tries to discard a diamond on a high club, West ruffs and South goes two down. And if South leads dummy's diamond jack, East covers and South must lose a diamond for one down.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0517

ACROSS

1 Madams
6 Pro or con
10 Bayonet
14 Nearly
15 ____-friendly
16 Contents of some cones
17 Western director Sergio
18 Napoleon exile site
19 W.W. II enemy
20 Start of a quip
23 Bibliographic suffix
24 Item in a poker pot
25 Naturalist John
28 Kit (Hershey bars)
31 Language of Sri Lanka
36 Rest stop

DOWN

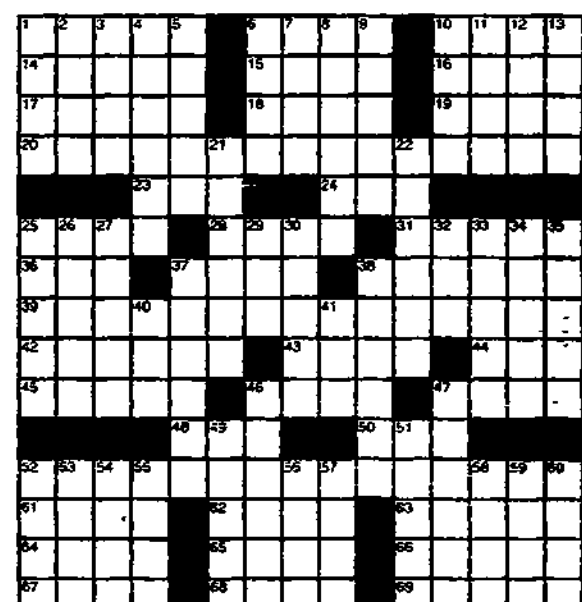
37 Dickens's Mr. Pecksniff
38 Magnet alloy
39 Middle of the quip
42 Alley name
43 "Got milk?" request?
44 Widebeast
45 Kind of whale
46 Really cry
47 Is a mendicant
48 Dish of roasted roots
50 Grand National Historic Park
52 End of the quip
61 Empowered
62 Leave one's mark?
63 Hot or cold drink
64 Brand, in a way
65 Nettle
66 Viper

11 Fare catch?

12 Tel ____
13 Item often stolen yet left where it is
21 Assume, as a task
22 One who's wanted
25 Hands, slangily
26 Out of it
27 Pointless
29 1995 World Series champs Abbr.
30 Recurring melody
32 Cape ____ Mass.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BRA HAIL ATEASE
REC EDNA UHANS
TMA READ TORTES
DOCHOLLYWOOD
AVIA ALDA PRAYS
LEAST ARE UHON
HAPPY GILMORE
AWE RAN ORE YEA
GRUMPY OLD MEN
EERO SEE REACH
SNOBS DASS ALOE
SLEEPYHOLLOW
MORTAL IRAN ELI
ALIENS NILE GEN
GEORGE GALS ERG



Puzzle by Michael S. Silver

33 Winged nuisance
34 Tasty decoration
35 Classic Formula One car
37 Collecting field
38 Basketball coach Rupp
40 "All Things Considered" broadcaster
41 21st-century
46 Pertaining to life
47 Next to
49 Some court hearings

51 Summary
52 Long green together
53 Complify
54 Sharp personal criticism
55 Graceful bird
56 Pac Ten team

57 Next
58 Puts 2 and 2 together
59 Encounter
60 Puts 2 and 2 together to make 3

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